management of electricity distribution through rural cooperatives etc., in order to ensure that the State power utilities function on commercial lines with adequate customer orientation ; and

(iv) to suggest measures necessary for suitably orienting the State power utilities towards, promoting investments from the private sector within the frame-work of the recently announced changes in the economic and industrial policy for covering the anticipated gap in the availability of financial resources for power development in the coming years.

(c) While the Committee has yet to submit its report, it is for the State Govts. to implement its recommendations.

(d) The Committee is likely to submit its report by the end of December, 1993.

**World Bank Guarantee for Foreign Commercial Loans to NTPC**

1541. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank will stand guarantee for foreign commercial loans to be raked by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the extent of financing that will be available;

(c) whether it is a fact that the World Bank help would enable the NTPC to raise funds at substantially better terms; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A World Bank mission had preliminary discussions with the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and the Government of India in August 1993r regarding the possibility of mobilising, external commercial borrowing for NTPCs -investment programme under the Expanded Co-financing Operations with World Bank guarantee.

(c) and (d) During discussions, the World Bank had indicated that Expanded Co-financing Operations are designed to attract new sources of finance, reduce costs and extend maturities by moderating risks to the lenders etc.

**Amounts paid to Nespapers on Advertisements**

1542. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount paid to the newspapers for advertisements by his Ministry during the year 1992 93; and

(b) what are the details of the amounts paid to the Newspapers, language-wise, on this account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The advertisements released by the Ministry of Power are centralised through Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP), which is under the Ministry of Informaton & Broadcasting.

**विद्युत उत्पादन पारेषण और वितरण के सम्बध में विश्व बैंक से प्राप्त सुझाव**

1543. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विद्युत उत्पादन और वितरण के विकेन्द्रीकरण और इसके पारेषण के केन्द्रीकरण के लिए विश्व बैंक से कोई सुझाव प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगय्या नायडू)**: (क) और (ख) भारत के विद्युत क्षेत्र की वित्तीय स्थिति सुधारने हेतु विश्व बैंक द्वारा कुछ उपाय सुझाए गए हैं, इनमें राज्य

बिजली बोर्डों द्वारा सांविधिक लाभांश को प्राप्त करना, अपने टैरिफ संरचना को युक्तिसंगत बनाना, अपनी प्राप्तियों की समयनुसार वसूली करना और उत्पादन का दक्ष प्रबन्धन करना, पारेषण एवं वितरण करना आदि शामिल हैं। केन्द्र सरकार इन मुद्दों के बारे में कुछ समय से चिन्तित रही है। इन पर आवधिक रूप से आयोजित विद्युत मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन समेत विभिन्न स्तरों पर भी विचार-विमर्श किया गया है। राज्य बिजलीबोर्डों की वित्तीय और वित्तीय कार्य निष्पादन सम्बन्धी स्थिति में सुधार करने हेतु अपनाईगई कार्ययोजना समेत अनेक सुधारात्मक उपाय आरम्भ किए गए हैं।

**NHPC Capacity for Power Generation**

1544. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NHPC propose to double its capacity during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the new projects likely to be -commissioned ; and

(c) what are the targets fixed for power generation during the last three years, alongwith the net production achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) With the scheduled commissioning of the 540 MW Chemera Hydro-electric Project (Stage-I) in March, .1994 and one 115 MW unit of Saran Hydro-electric Project (Stage-II) already commissioned in June 1993, the total installed capacity of the operating power plants of NHPC would increase from 750 MW to 1405 MW during the current financial year.

(c) The targets fixed for power generation from all the Operating Power Stations of the Corporation during the last three years and the actual generation achieved are as follows :—

(Power Generation (in MUs)

| Year | Target | Achievement |
|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 3198 | 3617.45 |
| 1992-92 | 3198 | 3567.11 |
| 1992-93 | 3228 | 3474.98 |

**Electrificaytion of Villages**

1545. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDERE-: Will the Minister of POWER fee. Pleased to state.:

(a)the criteria for declaring village as an electrified village;

(b) the number of villages, which are yet to be electrified State-wise;

(c) whether any targets have been set for electrifying these villages;

(d) whether any special treatment is given to tribal areas in this regard;and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) As per CEA definition, a village is treated as electrified when one service connection of any cate-gory has been released' in the revenue boundary -of the village.

(b) State-wise number of villages to be electrified as on 1-11-1993 are detailed in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) Targets for rural electrification works for each State are fixed on an annual basis. 3210 villages are targeted for electrification during the year 1993-94.

(d) and (e) Planning Commission does not provide specific -allocation for electri fication of tribal-- areas. However, Rural Electrification Corporation provides funds on preferential terms- and conditions, for electrification of. the areas- predominately inhabited by tribal population under Normal and Minimum Needs Programme.